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Title: WELDING METHOD AND WELDED JOINT STRUCTURE

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- 9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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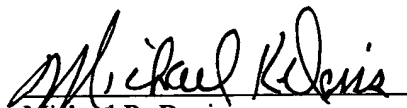
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